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SUBJECT: CLOSING DOWN OF USG INSTALLATIONS IN ETHIOPIA

1. FINALLY REACHED MOFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VERY LATE THIS EVENING TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH FONMIN AND TO REQUEST ASSURANCES THAT EPMG WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO INSURE AGAINST ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENTS. I TOLD HIM ONE OF ITEMS I WISHED DISCUSS WAS FOUR DAY TIME LIMIT.

2. HE FIRST ASSURED ME THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE THEN CALLED BACK TO TELL ME FONMIN WOULD SEE ME MONDAY MORNING. IN MEANTIME, FONMIN WISHED ME TO KNOW THAT EPMG WAS TAKING MEASURES TO GUARD AGAINST TROUBLE, AND THAT FOUR DAYS WERE "NEGOTIABLE". (ACCORDING TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HE ON HIS OWN HAD MADE POINT THAT FOUR DAYS WERE UNREALISTIC AND FONMIN HAD APPARENTLY AGREED).

3. I AM NOT AT ALL SURE WHAT FONMIN MEANS BY "NEGOTIABLE", BUT WE SHALL TRY AND EXPLORE FURTHER IN THE
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MORNING AND SHALL RE-EMPHASIZE POINT THAT TIME LIMIT IS UNREALISTIC FOR REFTEL.
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ADDIS ASGCEN NOTE: MRN WILL BE ASSIGNED AT OOB SUNDAY.

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4. ADDIS ABABA WILL BE CONSIDERED LIKE A REGION, HAVE AN RDC, BUT MAINTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES OF URBAN DWELLERS' ASSOCIATIONS. ADDIS ABABA RDC WILL HAVE 11 MEMBERS WITH PMAC MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN AND CITY MAYOR AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE OVERALL URBAN DWELLERS' ASSOCIATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE, ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM MINISTIRES OF INTERIOR, OF LABOR & SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING. ALSO ADDIS ABABA POLICE COMMANDER, POMOA HEAD, AETU HEAD, AND COMMANDERS OF ARMY AND MILITARY CADRES IN ADDIS ABABA. ADDIS ABABA RDC DUTIES WILL BE EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF REGIONAL RDC.

5. HIGH URBAN DWELLERS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE ORGANIZED INTO 9-MEMBER RDC WITH ITS POWERS AND DUTIES EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF WEREDA AND AWRAJA RDC.

6. ABOVE REVOLUTIONARY & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES WILL BE A CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ITS MEMBERSHIP WILL BE; PMAC MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE & SETTLEMENT, OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING, OF LABOR & SOCIAL AFFAIRS, OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS,
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OF INFORMATION & NATIONAL GUIDANCE, THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER POMOA HEAD, AND AETU CHAIRMAN AS OTHER MEMBERS. CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL: (A) ISSUE AND ENFORCE DIRECTIVES TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROCLAMATION, (B) COORDINATE, SUPERVISE AND DIRECT RDCS AT ALL LEVELS, (C) COORDINATE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE COMMITTEES, (D) ISSUE NECESSARY DIRECTIVES TO ENSURE WORK OF LOWER BODIES CARRIED OUT, (E) COORDINATE AND EXECUTE REVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIVES (SIC) ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT, (F) PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT REGARDING REVOLUTIONARY AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS TRANSMITTED BY REGIONAL COMMITTEES, (G) EXAMINE AND GIVE DECISIONS ABOUT PLEAS AND REQUESTS COMING FROM DIFFERENT

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REGIONS, AND (H) COORDINATE AND CONTROL VARIOUS REGIONAL PROGRAMS. CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, WHO IS PMAC MEMBER, WILL HAVE DECIDING VOTE IN CASE OF TIE AND WILL BE ABLE TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROCLAMATION.

7. COMMENT: APRIL 21 PMAC PROCLAMATION APPEARS MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS FROM DISTRICT TO NATIONAL LEVEL. FORMERLY INDEPENDENT POMOA GIVEN DEGREE OF AUTHORITY AT DISTRI CT
AND PROVINCIAL LEVEL WITH VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP OF RDCS, BUT OTHERWISE SUBMERGED AS ONLY CO-EQUAL MEMBER AT ALL OTHER LEVELS. PMAC UNDER MENGISTU CONTINUES FIRMLY IN CONTROL WITH CHAIRMANSHIPS OF REGIONAL RDCS AND OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE. NEW STRUCTURE APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPT TO CREATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRALIST SYSTEM IN ABSENCE OF NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY. NUMEROUS REFERENCES IN PROCLAMATION TO "CAMPAIGN" HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED IN EPMG PUBLIC STATEMENTS, BUT THERE WIDE SPECULATION "CAMPAIGN" WILL INVOLVE EFFORT TO CRUSH ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES (READ EDU) IN GONDAR REGION.

8. EMBASSY WILL POUCH PROCLAMATION TO DEPARTMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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